

“Peace in the Midst of a Tumultuous World”

Matthew 5:9

“Happy are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons of God.”

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Misconceptions about peacemaking:

1. It's not _____ from the problem.
2. It's not always _____ in.

Why should I be a peacemaker?

1. I can't be in relationship with _____ and out of relationship with _____.

“If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar, for anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.” 1 John 4:20, 21

2. I can't receive answers to my _____ and be out of relationship with others.

“Husband, if you don't treat your wife right forget about praying.” 1 Peter 3:7

3. I can't be _____ and out of relationship with others.

“You are only hurting yourself with your anger.” Job 18:4

How to be a peacemaker:

1. Take the initiative and meet with the person _____.

“If you remember your brother has something against you go at once to make peace.” Matthew 5:24

Three questions to ask before confronting in relationships:

1. Am I confronting for their _____ or for mine?
2. Is my _____ correct?
3. If they react wrongly, will I react _____ or rightly?

2. Seek first to _____ and then to be understood

“...be full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.” 1 Peter 3:8

“...you husbands should try to understand your wives...” 1 Peter 3:7

3. Discuss the _____, not the person

“Bold reproof leads to peace.” Proverbs 10:10

Ground rules for fighting fair:

1. Never _____
2. Never _____
3. Never _____
4. Never _____
5. Never _____
6. Never _____
7. Never _____

4. Work _____

“Do everything possible on your part, to live at peace with all men.” Romans 12:18

5. _____ reconciliation not resolution

Reconciliation: To _____ the relationship

Resolution: To _____ every issue

“God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gives us the ministry of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:18

“Let the peace of God rule in your hearts.” Colossians 3:15

Rule – _____

“Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console. To be understood, as to understand. To be loved, as to love. For it is in giving we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.” Saint Francis of Assisi